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2. [Redacted] Picked up from Frank McNamara, Staff Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities, two newsletters entitled "Exclusive", edited by Fulton Lewis III, which deal with the staff of Ramparts magazine.

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3. [Redacted] Met with Representative F. Edward Hebert (D., La.) who noted right in the beginning of our conversation that he would be inserting the 31 March Evening Star editorial in the Congressional Record on Monday. I thanked him very much and also expressed our appreciation for the insertion of the Look editorial of 18 April.

Mr. Hebert appreciated the Director's consideration in providing specific advice that no Agency funds had been utilized for Civil Rights activities in the South. He readily admitted that he knew such to be the case, but a reassurance in such matters is helpful.

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4. [Redacted] Met with Representative Porter Hardy (D., Va.) concerning the press allegations of CIA financial support for Civil Rights activities. Mr. Hardy queried specifically whether I was certain concerning use of CIA funds in response to which I quoted the Director's statement that not one dollar of Agency funds had been so used. Mr. Hardy very much appreciated this call.

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5. [Redacted] Met with Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) concerning the newspaper allegations relating to use of CIA funds in Civil Rights activities. Mr. Bennett stated that he was sure that this was the case and requested the advice whether there was any action the Director might desire at this time that, as a member of the Southern delegation, he was particularly well situated to speak on this subject if it was desired. After discussion we determined that it is probably a question which would be better not honored by discussion for the moment. I thanked Mr. Bennett in the Director's name for his offer.

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